

# **GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: TEFL FORUM: 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2001**

## **Current Issues for TEFL and world mission**

### **1. Rising demand for English**

“More people are learning English as a second language than speak it as a first language...English will become the second language of more and more people”.  
John Simmons, Director of Interbrand, The Guardian Weekly, March 22-28, 2001

Opportunities for native speakers of English to teach will increase in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **2. Different types of TEFL**

- a. University teaching requiring MA
- b. Business TEFL requiring good level of business professionalism
- c. High school TEFL requiring BA
- d. General TEFL usually requiring short-term qualifications
- e. Management of a TEFL school requiring experience of leadership of aspects of a TEFL school

### **3. In-service training**

- a. Developing ability to create aspects of the curriculum
- b. Willingness to attend and lead in-house training days
- c. Development in TEFL theory and practice by distance learning
- d. Enrolling on a full-time TEFL course in the UK as part of home assignment
- e. Business administration training for school leadership

### **4. Situations for Christians combining TEFL and mission**

- a. Former Communist world and Christians running TEFL schools
- b. Muslim world TEFL open mostly to highly trained teachers
- c. VSO in sub Saharan Africa

### **5. Questions to ask potential TEFL missionaries**

- a. Will you get job satisfaction from TEFL?
- b. Can you live on low pay?
- c. Will you teach any level and any number of students?
- d. Are you able to relate to people who make life difficult?